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SUBJ: PM GANDHI TO VISIT MOSCOW?

1. THE LONG-RUMORED AND LONG-DELAYED VISIT BY MRS GANDHI TO MOSCOW IS AGAIN IN THE RUMOR MILL. MADRAS HINDU PUBLISHED REPORT FROM ITS DELHI CORRESPONDENT JAN 20 THAT MRS GANDHI WOULD VISIT MOSCOW SOON. GOI OFFICIAL PRESS SOURCES DECLINED TO EITHER CONFIRM OR DENY THE HINDU REPORT. BALTIMORE SUN CORRESPONDENT (PRAN SABARWAL) CLAIMS TO HAVE HEARD MRS GANDHI WILL LEAVE ABOUT FEB 7. THERE IS WIDESPREAD BELIEF THAT SOVIETS HAVE AGAIN STRONGLY URGED VISIT BY PM. OUR IMPRESSION FROM MEA SOURCES AS RECENTLY AS LATE DECEMBER WAS THAT PM HAD NO RPT NO INTENTION OF MAKING ANY TRIP TO USSR DURING FIRST HALF OF 1976. WE WILL BE CHECKING AGAIN BUT WOULD WELCOME ANY INFO EMBASSY MOSCOW MAY HAVE.

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2. CPI CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED THAT MRS GANDHI IS TURNING AWAY FROM COOPERATION WITH INDIAN COMMUNISTS (WHICH SHE AND HER SON SANJAY INDEED APPEAR TO BE DOING). PRINCIPAL POLITICAL OBJECTIVE WE COULD ENVISAGE FROM A TRIP TO MOSCOW BY MRS GANDHI AT THIS TIME WOULD BE REASSURANCE TO SOVIETS THAT INDO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WILL NOT SUFFER AND THAT PM'S OWN COMMITMENT TO SOCIALISM HAS NOT ALTERED.

3. INDO-SOVIET FIVE YEAR TRADE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE READY FOR SIGNING IN NEXT MONTH AND, IF MRS GANDHI WANTS SPECIFIC FOCUS FOR CONTINUING COOPERATION WITH RUSSIANS, SHE COULD USE HER VISIT TO HIGHLIGHT THIS.
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